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The Greenbelt staff holiday party is a time of reflection and celebration for the City's hardworking staff, council, and retirees. This year, staff from the Department of Public Works with the help of Dan Celdran helped to make the event Zero Waste, which is truly something to celebrate. A Zero Waste station provided three separate bins for staff to sort their waste into compostables, recycle, and landfill trash. Event-goers learned that plastic bottles, cups, as well as soda cans are recyclable, and that much of their waste was compostable.

Composting is a process that breaks down organic waste into a usable soil amendment. Compost can be used to grow plants in your yard or garden, as well as to capture and filter polluted stormwater runoff. At the holiday celebration, over 22 pounds of compostable paper plates, napkins, and leftover food scraps were collected and taken to My Organic Market (MOM's) of College Park where it will be brought to a facility where it can be composted.

Dan collected plastic eating utensils (which cannot be recycled in Prince George's County) to be cleaned and reused. She also collected the decorative garland for a crafting project to prevent its disposal in a landfill. Thanks to these efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost the holiday celebration, Greenbelt can be thankful that the City staff embraces being green this holiday season.

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